

South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting – September 26, 2006

The SD Council on Developmental Disabilities met on September 26, 2006 at the Delta Dental Building Conference Room in Pierre.

Members Present

Travis Arneson	Dillon Haug	Georgene Short Bull
Charlotte Athey	Robert Kean	Judy Struck
Erik Brubakken	Brooke Lusk	Kayla Tinker
Sarah Carda	Michael McRoden	Isabel Trobaugh
Vikki Day	David Nissen	Lex Werdel
Deona Gustaf	Wanda Seiler	Ted Williams

Others Present

Edith Arneson
Beth Henrichsen
Arlene Poncelet

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairperson David Nissen called the meeting to order and read the mission statement. Introductions were completed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Robert Kean moved, seconded by Vikki Day to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Vikki Day moved, seconded by Isabel Trobaugh to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held July 11, 2006. Arlene shared the report of the Executive Committee Meeting held September 26, 2006 just prior to the Council meeting.

Vikki Day moved, seconded by Erik Brubakken to accept the Executive Committee Report and to ratify the following actions taken by the Executive Committee on September 26, 2006.

- Approval of \$2,000 of federal funds for Community Recreation & Fitness Program for Aberdeen School District.
- Delta Dental submitted a request that was referred to the full Council for review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Arlene discussed correspondence and upcoming trainings.

- NACDD Fall Conference will be held in Pittsburgh October 8-10, 2006.
- Weekly Legislative Advocacy Update announced the reauthorization of the ADD Act.
- Ann Bush with Easter Seals informed Arlene that the Caregivers Conference will be held May 5-6, 2007 in Rapid City.
- Arlene and employees from the Dept of Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Office of Adult Services and Aging, and the Office of Emergency Management attended an Emergency Management Planning Conference for people

with disabilities and aging in Washington, DC. The conference gave tips for first responders, among other things. The group will also meet quarterly and must submit reports to ADD on their activities. It is possible that the group may want to purchase resources to share statewide with regard to the inclusion of people with DD and aging population in Emergency Planning or related to individual preparedness.

- Arlene received a letter from a family in Dupree who has a son with Prader Willi Syndrome requesting assistance with an out-of-state placement. She responded that she would share the issue of services for people with Prader Willi with the Council. Since receiving the letter, the Division of DD worked with the family and the son was placed out-of-state as requested.
- SDACBS sponsored a training by David Pitonyak that was held July 13, 2006. Arlene distributed a hand-out from this training.
- Brenda Smith, who is a parent, attended a training titled "A Good Life." She sent Arlene the information and Council members are welcome to review it if they like.

BUDGET REPORT

There is approximately \$343,430.43 of federal funds available for FFY06. The estimated FFY07 grant for the Council is \$461,111 and generally the Council budgets \$350,000 of that for projects.

2007-2011 STATE PLAN

The group discussed the FFY2007-2011 State Plan that was submitted to ADD on August 15, 2006. Arlene also distributed a hand out that shows Council activity broken out into tables and graphs from FFY 2000 – FFY 2005 and hand outs reflecting all Council funding from FFY 1990-the present. A draft home ownership guide was distributed to the group with a request that Council members review and submit any changes by Oct 31st.

Arlene reviewed the process for grant applications. A request for funding (RFF) is distributed. From the RFF, grant applications are received and reviewed by the Council. The Council either approves or denies an application based on if it meets the Council's mission statement, as well as the requirements of the RFF.

Requests for less than \$5,000 are reviewed by the Executive Committee.

STATE AGENCY UPDATES

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Wanda Seiler and Carol Ruen presented to the group regarding the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Wanda gave a brief overview of the Division for the new Council members. Wanda also distributed and discussed the recent Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) report for South Dakota. Wanda asked that council members take this report with them and review it for future discussion at the January Council meeting.

When CQL comes for a review, they review HCBS assurances, personal outcomes, basic assurances and organizing principles. HCBS assurances must be met at 100%; there are 25 areas for personal outcomes; 100% of basic assurances must be met, with the exception of the very first review; leadership, systems and quality management and planning are the areas reviewed for organizing principles.

Recently, about 100 people from the 19 provider agencies across the state met with a CQL staff to analyze the report. This group came up with five priority areas.

1. Building Natural Support/Community Connections
2. Restrictive Procedures/Positive Supports
3. Peer to Peer Abuse Options and Protocol
4. Quality Framework
5. Meaningful Day-Alternatives to Employment

Carol Ruen spoke to the group regarding the Systems Change grant activities funded by the Council. The Division of Developmental Disabilities is currently looking at several different initiatives regarding systems change. Some of these are Independent Support Coordination, Good to Great and Agency of Choice. The Core Stakeholders group is meeting quarterly to plan this initiative.

DDD is currently working on putting together a pilot for Independent Support Coordination (ISC). This is being driven by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), especially due to the fact that SD is one of only two states in the country that does not have this option.

Recently, a survey was sent to the adjustment training centers (ATC) for distribution to the people they serve, as well as family support families. From the 812 surveys returned, those interested in receiving more information about the choice of ISC were contacted to participate in focus groups that were held in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton. These focus groups were facilitated by Jean Tuller, a consultant for DDD. The focus groups were held with two sessions-one for self advocates and one for family members.

Family Support recently expanded to serve adults through the PLANS program. The two programs are being combined and will be called Family Support 360. With this, a fiscal intermediary is being put into place. This is software driven by a plan of care (POC), and is effective September 19, 2006.

The Agency of Choice model is being developed for implementation within 2 years. There are currently about ten people in the state self-directing their own services without a fiscal intermediary in place.

South Dakota Developmental Center

Ted Williams presented to the group regarding the South Dakota Developmental Center (SDDC). SDDC was opened in 1902 and has undergone many name changes and roles. Ted gave a brief overview of the history of SDDC. SDDC used to be a place that

people went on a long term basis, but today most people are there for a short while, and are then discharged back into the community. The staff at SDDC have even changed their mindset and have made changes with the way they think and serve people. The mindset of an institution is changing, and the word institution is used less and less.

SDDC has three programs. Program One serves adult males. Program Two (Turtle Creek Youth Program) serves youth who attend the Redfield Public School. Program Three serves a mixture of men and women of varying ages.

DISCUSSION ON CURRENT & POSSIBLE PROJECTS

AMERICAN DREAM ROAD TOUR

The American Dream Road Tour is “A Yearlong, Cross-Country Mobil Marketing Exhibition, Advancing Educational and Economic Opportunity for Children and Adults with Disabilities.” This group will be traveling through Sioux Falls, and is looking for funding for activities that will take place there. Arlene wanted feed back from the group as to whether they would be interested in participating in this. The South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (SDCCD) will be the main contact, and the request would be coming from that organization. The Council would only fund the stop in SD if asked to fund anything. The group requested that People First Language be used in the request.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/HUMAN SERVICES HANDBOOK

Arlene reported that the handbook is currently at the Center for Disabilities for printing and should be complete by the end of October or early November. She will be looking towards council members for suggestions as to who should receive the handbook. ‘

INCLUSION BROCHURE

Arlene asked the group if they would be interested in putting together an inclusion brochure that could possibly be added to the Center for Disabilities for distribution. There was discussion regarding this and what it would include. There were ideas about having just one, and having one geared towards different age groups. One suggestion was to do a video or vignettes vs. a pamphlet. Other information that people would like to see is a brochure to help families access the DD system. Arlene will check into permissions and costs of other videos/DVDs already available. If you have ideas, please forward them to Arlene.

DD AWARENESS MONTH

DD Awareness month is in March. Other states have distributed silver ribbons, and Arlene asked the group if they would be interested in this. Many members did not approve of the ribbons, as there are already so many out there for other causes. The group felt this is not a cause. Some people struggle with Disability Awareness and think it should be called Ability Awareness. Rather than the ribbons, they would like to see success stories about people with disabilities provided to newspapers across the state.

NEXT STEPS – Advanced Leadership Training

Betsy Valnes is working on a training and mentoring program for young adults. It is still in-process and more information will be available in the future.

GRANT APPLICATION – PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING, SD ADVOCACY SERVICES

Robert Kean and Sandy Hook with SD Advocacy Services presented to the group. They are requesting funding for Year 15 of Partners in Policymaking. The goal of this project is to achieve collaborative partnerships among people with developmental disabilities needing and using services and individuals in a position to provide services or to make policy and law changes in the service delivery systems.

The selection process is set to take place on September 27, 2006. For this process, all identifying information is removed from the applications so the committee does not know who applied. They are now receiving applications from people who attended Youth Leadership Forum (YLF), which means, they are spanning generations. This year's graduation will be held April 21, 2007 at the Ramada Inn & Suites in Sioux Falls. Sandy welcomes any council member who wants to attend graduation.

The question was raised as to whether we want to keep funding this project long-term. Most people find it a very positive project and think it's okay to fund.

Robert discussed the independent evaluation and survey, which was requested by the Council. A survey using Year 14 information will be sent in early October. The first official survey will be completed using Year 15 participants.

A few council members have concerns regarding Kathie Snow, who is one of the presenters. They feel she is very controversial, but she does have a wealth of information that people feel is very useful.

Isabel Trobaugh moved, seconded by Travis Arneson to approve \$108,000 of federal funds for the proposal entitled "Partners in Policymaking." Motion carried. Robert Kean and Judy Struck abstained.

TRANSPORTATION

Arlene mentioned some happenings in the area of transportation.

- The South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) has been awarded a grant entitled United We Ride. The main focus of this grant is to create a comprehensive state action plan for coordinating human services transportation. DOT has entered into a contract with the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (SDCCD) to gather data and input about current coordinated transportation services in SD.
- National Easter Seals has a project entitled Project Action. A conference will be held in Minneapolis in October called People on the Move to increase accessible transportation.

- The United Spinal Association has a project entitled Taxis for all. They are promoting taxis that are wheelchair accessible.

GRANT APPLICATION – CARING FOR SMILES, DELTA DENTAL PHILANTROPIC FUND

Nance Orsbon was supposed to present to the group, but she was ill. Arlene shared her knowledge regarding the request from her participation in an Oral Health Subcommittee on Special Needs. The main purpose of the proposal is to train those involved with caring for patients with developmental disabilities on the importance of oral health and train them to provide and teach others how to provide daily oral hygiene care specifically for persons with disabilities and high risk elders. This will be performed during three phases. The first phase will be a train-the-trainer for dental professionals and adjustment training center (ATC) staff. The second phase will be for dental professionals and the third phase will be to address access to care issues. They are requesting council funds for purchasing training kits for the initial training to be held in October 2006.

There were concerns voiced by Council members, including: the evaluation plan is weak, more tangible outcomes, use of Dr. David Frey (recommended by Wanda for his knowledge and experience in this area), and timing of the request and training only 2 weeks away.

Travis Arneson moved, seconded by Isabel Trobaugh to approve \$4,500 of federal funds for the proposal entitled “Caring for Smiles.” Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION – MOBILIZING FOR SELF-ADVOCACY IN SOUTH DAKOTA – YEAR TWO, HUMAN SERVICES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

John Agosta and Reena Wagle presented to the group via teleconference. The goal of this project is to work with self-advocates and establish a multi-site self-advocacy organization that will eventually lead to developing a statewide organization. This proposal is for Year Two, and is in follow-up to the needs assessment completed in Year One.

The tasks planned are to add a couple more self advocates to those groups already involved, start to develop a strategic plan and evaluation, check into what other states are doing, select one issue in the community to improve and spread the word to other communities.

HSRI would like to come and bring the self-advocates for a presentation in December. This date has been tentatively set for December 5, 2006, via DDN.

Judy struck moved, seconded by Ted Williams to approve \$50,000 of federal funds for the proposal entitled “Mobilizing for Self-Advocacy in South Dakota-Year Two” pending clarification on the following discussion items: 1) collaboration with other projects in South Dakota, 2) need for communication to improve, 3) look for ways to increase

participation in rural areas, 4) is it possible to increase trainers to at least 4 in phase two, 5) information regarding South Dakota's services should be submitted to DDC/DDD for review before distribution, 6) wording is 4.5 and possible addition of 4.6 to clarify how input will be included in the strategic plan.

Travis moved, seconded by Brooke Lusk to table the decision until we have more information. After discussion, Travis withdrew his motion.

The original motion was voted upon and passed. Erik Brubakken abstained.

FUTURE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The group discussed issuing requests for funding in the following areas: College of Direct Support, Training, Information Dissemination, and Youth Leadership Forum.

The group would like to see the College of Direct Support work towards sustainability, and address how they will work towards this.

The group would like to increase the Center for Disabilities dissemination request to \$18,000 to accommodate materials related to "How to Access Services" for parents and possibly professionals.

DDC LOGO

Arlene mentioned to the council that most other councils in the country have a logo. She asked council members to be thinking of something and it will be discussed more in the future.

NEXT MEETING DATE & PLACE

The next meeting will take place January 25, 2007 in Pierre.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.